

equipping it, the said bonds to draw interest at the rate of six per cent., payable semi-annually, with coupons for the same attached, and to mature at the expiration of ten (10) years from their issuance.

SEC. 9. The governor shall furnish the said company with fifty penitentiary convicts under such regulations as now are or may hereafter be prescribed by law to aid in the grading and construction of the said road and its connections and branches: *Provided*, nothing in this act shall be construed to reduce the number of convicts employed on the Western North Carolina Railroad below five hundred. Governor to furnish convicts.  
Proviso.

SEC. 10. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 14th day of March, A. D. 1879.

## CHAPTER 287.

### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BUCK SWAMP AGRICULTURAL CANAL COMPANY.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :*

SECTION 1. That William Burnett, William F. Parker, John R. Branch, Wilson H. Whitaker, C. A. Camp, O. C. Stallings and Thad. Vaughan be and are hereby created a body politic and corporate under the name and style of the Buck Swamp Agricultural Company for the purpose of cutting a canal from the mouth of Buck Swamp where it empties into Fishing Creek to where the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad crosses the said swamp near the town of Enfield, and as such shall have power to sue and be sued in all the courts of this state, to acquire and hold both real and personal property, and to sell and convey the same, to have a common seal which it can change at

Body politic.  
Name.  
Location of canal.  
Corporate powers.